

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES**

**THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING  
OF  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1995**

The meeting called to order as The City Council at 2:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mathis, Harvey, Kehoe, Warden,  
Stalling, McCarty, Vargas, and Chair Golding

City Manager, Jack McGrory  
City Attorney, John Kaheny  
Secretary, Charles Abdelnour

Excused: Stevens

The meeting adjourned as The City Council at 2:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened as The Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 2:35 p.m.

**JOINT MEETING - ADOPTION**

1. Approving resolution and document to:

Authorize the execution of the agreement for acquisition of Real Property and Escrow Instructions with SCP (America Plaza 3) Inc., A California Corporation.

See Centre City Development Corporation report dated October , 1995.

Staff report presented by Peter Hall, Executive Vice President, Centre City Development Corporation.

Public Testimony - Opposition:

Warren A. Nielsen said he requested building the downtown library at 12th and C, that there would be a tremendous chance of redevelopment. There would be access of the trolley and the convenience of the freeways. That this property is available, and put on the ballot for the citizens of San Diego to vote.

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Public Testimony - Favor:

Duke Sobek, President of the San Diego County Hotel/Motel Association, said the Board of Directors of the San Diego County/Motel Association unanimously agreed to support the shift of a half cent of the existing TOT to support the funding of the new central library. He also stated HMA in support of the Mayor and Council on their goal for the members of the community for a state of the art library.

Patti Roscoe, representing CONVIS, said in support of Mr. Sobek comments. She said the library will be a facility that visitors and the community will enjoy and be proud of, and we are in support of the City Manager recommendation.

Chair Golding thanked the Hotel/Motel Association and Convention Visitors Bureau working together on the agreement, and their support.

Steve Williams, President of the Downtown Partnership, said we are in support of the new central library and the location.

Jim Dawe, representing himself, and in support of the location for the new central library.

Bill Evans, representing Convention Center, in support, unable to stay.

Thomas S. Jamieson, President of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, urge the council to approve the Manager's recommendation for the new central library.

Solomon Rosenbaum, representing Friends and CALL, thanked the Mayor, Council, City Manager, The Hotel/Motel Association, and everyone who worked together in supporting the new central library.

Katie Sullivan, representing CALL, Citizens in Action for Local Libraries, statedd in support of the new central library and location.

Sue Braun, representing CALL and Friends of Library, unable to stay, in favor.

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Public Testimony - in favor (continued)

Mike Madigan said the site location for the new central library is appropriate. He thanked the Mayor, Council, Councilmember McCarty, City Manager, and everyone for their involvement in this project, and in support of new central library.

Noel Neudeck, President of Wheelchair Access Now Today, he presented and distributed a photocopy of a page from the 1994 Uniform Building Code, page 1-207.14, Section 1118A.2, Parking Structures. He said this is an excellent location for the library, had concern about the parking structures that are existing. That we need too comply with the State of California Law, it states Parking structures all entrances to and vertical clearances within parking structures shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 8' ft. 2" where required for accessibly to parking spaces for persons with disabilities. Mr. Neudeck read Section 1118A.4.2, last paragraph that all such spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure. He said the east entrance into the building has an 8'4" clearance area, however the proper signage into the disable parking spots, the parking spots should be updated. We are requesting a group such as Accessible San Diego go through the structure, apply the April 1, 1944 spaces as far as total parking spaces and reserve for disable parking and upgraded.

Councilmember Vargas asked Mr. Neudeck is this site unsuitable?

Mr. Neudeck responded this site is wonderful, and there is one entrance way into and out of. He said the north entrance is not appropriate for a high van.

Councilmember Vargas said it can be reconfigured, and follow the code.

Mr. Neudeck stated need better signages and the total disable parking spaces.

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Mayor Golding said we have to build this library to comply with the law. She said a couple of year ago, asked Mr. McGrory to put a committee together, representatives of the disable community, to recommend priorities, look at the structure and act as a review body as the structure moves forward.

Mr. Neudeck said Mr. McGrory's staff is not totally complying with this mandate when the plans come to his department for plan checking, ask Mr. McGrory and staff to comply with this law.

Public testimony closed.

Chair Golding thanked the members of CALL, Friends of the Library, and the Library Commissioners who have spent a number of hours looking at sites, building support and the importance of a new central library.

Councilmember McCarty thanked Mayor Golding and everyone who worked on this project.

Councilmember Kehoe thanked Councilmember McCarty and Mayor Golding, that this library will be a state of the art. This library will be for everybody, and San Diego will be very proud of.

Councilmember Mathis thanked Peter Hall in negotiating, and his efforts working with everyone concerning the new central library.

Councilmember Harvey said in support and this library will be a great asset to the City of San Diego and the community.

Councilmember Warden thanked Councilmember McCarty and Mayor Golding, the community and staff for their efforts in working together for the new central library.

Councilmember Stallings said in support of the new central library, thanked Councilmember McCarty and Mayor Golding, and everyone who worked on this project.

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Councilmember Vargas thanked Peter Hall, Councilmember McCarty and Mayor Golding in their efforts working with everyone on the new central library.

Mayor Golding thanked Pam Hamilton, and everyone involved, and this new library will be a state of the art library.

Motion by Member McCarty to approve the development and construction of a new central library, approximately 200,050 to 300,000 square feet in size, acquire the site located at Kettner and C for construction of the facility at a cost of 2 million dollars through CCDC; direct the City Manager and CCDC to develop an implementation plan and schedule for design and construction of the facility and return to the City Council for action within 45 to 60 days; approve a project budget and financing plan ranging from 60 to 65 million for design and construction of the facility, direct the City Manager, City Attorney and City Auditors to take the actions necessary to establish a private fund raising campaign for the new central; and direct the manager to prepare a plan for the use and disposition of the current library site at 8th and E, and determine the annual operating cost of the new facility for review by the City Council (with Stevens not present)


Second by Member Mathis

Vote: 8-0

Redevelopment Agency Resolution Number R-2562, and Document Number D-2248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting of October 17, 1995.

  
Secretary of The Redevelopment Agency  
of The City of San Diego, California